Urban Local Bodies. Flyovers on National Highways are taken up by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India. Metro projects provide for adequate facilities for pedestrians also.

(b) and (c) The Government have formulated a National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP) in 2006 which encourages measures that allocate road space on a more equitable basis with people at its focus. Further, the urban transport projects including flyovers supported through Central financial assistance under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) are NUTP compliant with adequate emphasis on facilities for pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles.

Infrastructure development in regularised colonies

572. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have regularized a large number of unauthorized colonies in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the total number of colonies regularized so far;

(c) whether any infrastructural development including sanitation, sewer lines, electricity, roads, etc. have been provided in all these colonies;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps Government have taken to avoid mushrooming growth of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No colony has been regularized in the recent past. But guidelines and modalities are being prepared for regularisation of unauthorised colonies which have come up before July, 2002.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) to (d) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) has reported that at present roads/drains exist in about 500 unauthorized colonies which are located on private land. Electricity and water supply are also being provided by DISCOMs and Delhi Jal Board.

(e) Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that it has revamped its infrastructure for detection and control of unauthorized construction in Delhi. In this context, a number of measures have been taken which includes restructuring and strengthening of existing Central Control Room, Zonal Control Rooms, Central Demolition Squad and formation of Special Task Force.

Encroachments in Palam village

573. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4157 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 2005 and state:

(a) whether the partial encroachments were removed from gram sabha land on 17th May, 2007;

(b) the reasons for not removing the entire encroachments upto electric transformer;

(c) whether the said land has been encroached again and if so, the action taken in the matter; and

(d) the action taken for road widening since the said land is earmarked for road widening?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir. Twenty one (21) shops of single storey were fully demolished and six (6) buildings with more than two or three storey were partially demolished by Revenue Department of the Govt. of NCT, Delhi (GNCTD).

(b) GNCTD has reported that JCB machines were used to remove the built up structures. Six structures were with more than two or three storeys, which could not be demolished using JCB Machines. Therefore, these structures were partially demolished.

(c) Yes, action as per law has been initiated against those who encroached the land.

(d) Land has been taken over by DDA for widening the road.

Encroachments on Governments land

574. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that large scale encroachments on Government land in cities are taking place;

(b) if so, whether Government have assessed the land so far encroached;

(c) whether it is a fact that places of worship of different religions are found to be built on public land; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to restore the encroached public land and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) 'Land' is a subject under the State List and, therefore, the responsibility for protection of the Government land rests with the respective State Governments. So far as Central Government land is concerned, instances of encroachments including in the form of places of worships have come to the notice of the Government. The agencies having the administrative control/ ownership of the relevant land take appropriate measures to restore the public land in accordance with law, *viz.*, complaint with the local Police, action under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1971, relocation/ resettlement of eligible squatters, demolition of unauthorized structures etc.